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FOR GLEYSTEN, EA; NYE, T; VAN DOREN, ACDA; AMB. GERARD SMITH.
FROM AMBASSADOR.

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, TECH, ENRG, JA
SUBJECT: USG SAFEGUARDS REVIEW AT TOKAI MURA

1. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT AN ERDA SAFEGUARDS TEAM IS BEING DISPATCHED TO JAPAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING REVIEW OF SAFEGUARDS PROCEDURES AT TOKAI MURA. INFORMATION COMES THROUGH ERDA HQ - ERDA TOKYO CHANNEL BUT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY TELECON WITH VAN DOREN, ACDA. ERDA TOKYO REP CARRIED OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY OF IMPENDING VISIT.

2. REACTION FROM GOJ IS BEGINNING TO BE HEARD. BOTH STA AND FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT NEED FOR SAFEGUARDS REVIEW JUST AT THIS CRITICAL TIME, THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE REVIEW ON MINISTER UNO'S IMPENDING TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE DEFERRED, THE ADVISIBILITY OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS IN BOTH CAPITALS, POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT OR CONFLICT WITH IAEA SAFEGUARDS TEAM SCHEDULED TO BE AT TOKAI MURA AT SAME TIME, AND WHY GOJ CONCURRENCE WAS NOT SOUGHT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
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3. THE GOJ REACTION DOES NOT SURPRISE ME, CONSIDERING THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY ATTACHED TO THE TOKAI MURA ISSUE, AND MY OWN REACTION TO THIS LATEST TURN OF EVENTS IS INDEPENDENT OF BUT PARALLEL TO THAT OF THE GOJ. WHAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED ROUTINE IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES MUST BE HANDLED WITH CARE IN THIS STILL DELICATE MATTER.

FURTHER, I AM AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY THIS EMBASSY
HAS BEEN NEITHER CONSULTED NOR ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT
AT THE TIME THIS DECISION WAS BEING MADE, WHEN FULL
COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL. I AM INSTRUCTING THE ERDA
TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON THE
VISIT UNTIL I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY REVIEW THE
SITUATION. I ALSO REQUEST THAT THE ERDA TEAM BE HELD
IN WASHINGTON PENDING RESOLUTION OF QUESTIONS RAISED.
IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE. I WILL HOLD TEAM IN TOKYO WHILE
AWAITING FURTHER OFFICIAL ADVICE FROM DEPARTMENT.
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